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main division of demography have been carried much further in Europe than in the United States. In view of that fact more attention might with advantage have been given to European predecessors. I believe no publication by a German is cited and in the bibliography only one book in German is mentioned. Yet probably the best statistical journal in recent years is the *Allgemeines Statistisches Archiv*, and few, if any, European writers are more worth attention than its editor, von Mayr. Nor does the author make more than incidental reference to the French authorities in that field, Levasseur and the Bertillons, father and son; and he confuses the French demographer, Jacques Bertillon, with his brother Alphonse (p. 6).

Even in the field of American vital statistics the book might with advantage have imparted a fuller knowledge of what earlier students have done. If the reader knew more than it tells of the lines of progress since 1840 he would be left in a better position for judging the probable direction of future advance and of profitable effort. If one were to ask for the names of half a dozen men who have contributed most to the development of American vital statistics and whose work is now ended, one would be likely to mention Shattuck, Jarvis, Billings, Tracy, Abbott, and Wilbur. Of these only two, I believe, are referred to and that incidentally. By changes of this sort, the book would be improved in those future editions to which I hope and believe it will run.

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